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Our children will discover who they can be

**THE ADVENTURE WAY**

**We learn ... We care... We act...**

Curious

Creative

Collaborative

Self-directed

Self-aware



Welcome to our new students. It's great to have you join our Adventure family!

**Room 7:** Ezra Myers

**Room 9:** Addison Brunette & Freddie Clark

**From our Principal**



**Kia ora koutou e te whānau**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,  
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.  
Kia mākinakina ki uta,  
Kia mātaratara ki tai.  
E hī ake ana te atākura  
He tio, he huka, he hauhu  
Tihei mauri ora

This week heralds the half way point of what has been a very positive term. I enjoy listening to the positive and engaging talk of our tamariki as I move around the school. Our children talk excitedly about the things they are doing in their classroom and syndicates and it is clear that the engagement between the students and teachers is high end.

Weeks eight and nine are punctuated by Easter, with school finishing on Thursday 1st April and resuming on Wednesday 7th April.

I have - in the past - received testy emails as to why Tuesday is a holiday when everyone except schools go back to work on Tuesday. I'm not sure of the exact answer to this so can only advocate that it is traditionally a school only holiday. Going back to the days of the three-term year, Easter served as a sort of mid-term break.

Since 1996 when the Ministry introduced the four-term year, Easter has generally been absorbed by the April school holidays. The exceptions are the occasions on which Easter falls early - like this year - or late.

## School Leader Badges

We had a nice special assembly, last Friday, to honour our school leaders and present them with their badges. Badges were awarded to Darius Alefosio and Ashleigh Neal (Head Boy and Head Girl), and Izzy Vaughan-Wilde, Gal Becher, Daniella Starr and Zameena Isaako (House Captains).

Our original Mainsail House Captain, Waylon Jones, has had to move schools as the family have moved up to the Kapiti Coast. As Zameena was exceptionally close in the original ballot her promotion was a formality.

## Thought Provoking Quote

"An oft-used adage of the child centred approach likens education to *"the lighting of a fire not the filling of a pail"* ... few dared point out that we must first put something inside a pail before we could light it, that children need to have knowledge before they can learn independently."

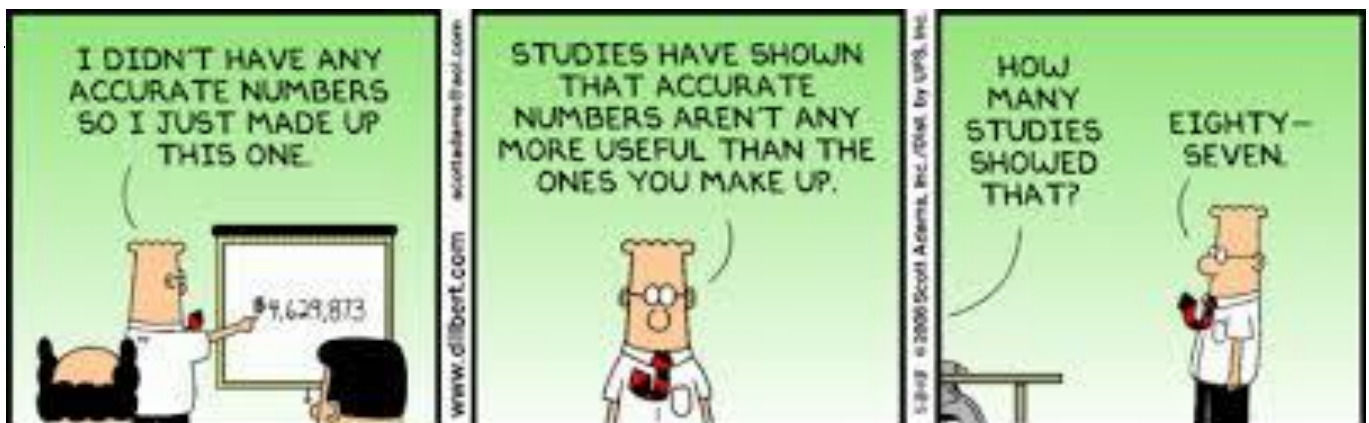
I guess the message here is that child- centred orthodoxy or student agency does not demote the teacher to this ridiculous notion of the "guide on the side", or reduce our role to that of a facilitator.

Along with the ability to engage and empower students comes the reality of being a purveyor of knowledge. Strong teaching, high-level knowledge content and clearly defined goals are the "stuff", of good teaching.

## Staff Farewell

GOODBYE

Isabel Mahoney - who is currently on maternity leave - has informed the Board of her intention to resign. Isabel, Pat (husband) and new-born son Louis have decided to move back to Australia to be nearer to family. We are very sad to lose Isabel from our staff. Isabel has been a wonderful teacher and colleague during her time at Adventure. We do, however, completely understand her reasons for doing so and we wish her, Pat and Louis all the very best for their future.



Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

**John Wootton**  
(Principal)

### Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations will be an opportunity for the class teacher, student and parents to share and discuss the student's learning over Term 1.

Additional information will be available soon.

**Tuesday 30 March**  
**Wednesday 31 March**  
**From 3.15pm**

### School Community Vehicle

We are delighted to announce our school will be able to benefit from a 'school community vehicle' which has been donated by local heating, air conditioning and electrical specialists Fantail Services Ltd for schools in the North Porirua and Porirua East Kāhui Ako Communities of Learning to access. The van, generously donated by founders Chris Spayes and Trent Watson, will enable our students to be transported around the north Porirua area to inter school events such as chess tournaments, sporting events and technology challenges. The 'School Community Van' seats 1 driver and up to 8 students. It has been configured so students can face each other in the vehicle if desired. Fantail Services Limited invested approximately \$45,000 in the vehicle and will pay for the cost of annual servicing as well as a \$2,000 per annum GPS system for added health and safety.



### Tough Guy and Gal - REMINDER

Please make sure you have registered and paid online **before** returning your permission slip to school.



**JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL**  
**CHALLENGE**  
**EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT**





## RIMU EOTC WEEK

EOTC week was a week full of fun and learning. The Adventure Way was definitely in action!

A huge thankyou to everyone for their support. Without you we couldn't run these rich learning activities.



"Battle Hill was really tiring, challenging and fun."

"EOTC week was the best week of school ever!"



"The splash pad was super duper fun and really wet!!!"







"Climbing Battle Hill was very tiring but worth it because of the views."

"The sculpture challenge was great. We had to use environmental objects to create an interesting, creative sculpture."



"At the sleepover we tried to do an all-nighter but couldn't."

"I loved putting up the tents. We put them up in the rain, but luckily the rain stopped."





## PARKING INFRINGEMENTS – School Drop off & Pick up

There have been ongoing issues with parking, particularly for the after school pick up.

Porirua City Council Road Safety would like the community notified that photos were taken of infringement outside the school, and these people have been issued with infringement notices.

Parking will continue to be monitored.



## Picking up or dropping off kids at school?

### Choose safe parking every time

Everyone's "only here for a minute or two" but where and how you park matters – our tamariki can't be seen if we park illegally

## Safer school runs

### If you're stopping and parking near a school, choose safe parking every time

When children arrive at or leave school each day, how you park and drive can protect them or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility around schools to be able to see each other. Parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason – to protect our tamariki.

### If you choose to stop or park illegally you could get fined.

#### Stopped/parked:

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| • on broken yellow lines  | \$60 |
| • within 6 metres of a pedestrian crossing  | \$60 |
| • within 6 metres of an intersection  | \$60 |
| • on the footpath   | \$40 |
| • over or within 1 metre of a vehicle entrance                                    | \$40 |
| • within 50cm of a fire hydrant with no one in a car legally capable of moving it | \$40 |
| • closer than 6 metres to a bus stop or on a marked bus stop                      | \$40 |
| • on roadside grass plot, shrubs or flower beds                                   | \$40 |
| • in a way that's inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians        | \$60 |
| • double parked   | \$60 |



## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



TERM ONE		
<b>Week 6</b>	Friday 12 March	School photos
<b>Week 7</b>	Wednesday 17 March	Weet-bix Tryathlon
	Friday 19 March	Yr 2-4 Athletics (Adventure Park) Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 orders close
<b>Week 8</b>	Tuesday 23 March	Yr 2-4 Athletics pp
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 29 March	Yr 1 Athletics
	Tuesday 30 March	Learning Conversations
	Wednesday 31 March	Learning Conversations
	Friday 2 April	Good Friday (School closed)
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 5	Easter Break (school closed)
	Tuesday 6 April	
	Friday 9 April	Kowhai Toy Sale Fundraiser
<b>Week 11</b>	Friday 16 April	Sausage Sizzle Last day of Term One

### 2021 Term Dates

<b>Term One:</b>	Friday 5 February - Friday 16 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October
<b>Term Four:</b>	Monday 18 October to Thursday 16 December

School will be closed on the following days:

<b>Waitangi Day:</b>	Monday 8 February
<b>Easter:</b>	Friday 2, Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 April
<b>Queen's Birthday:</b>	Monday 7 June
<b>Labour Day:</b>	Monday 25 October
<b>Teacher Only Day</b>	Friday 17 December

## Community Notices

### **WELLINGTON BRICK SHOW 13-14 March, 9am-5pm**

Lower Hutt Events Centre, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt

Amazing Lego creations. This will be a large event with over 70 Lego displays, there also will be interactive activities for everyone to enjoy.

\$10 entry per person. Under 3's are free. \$30 family pass (2 adults 3 children).

### **CODING LESSONS for ages 9-18**

In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create technology not just consume it. Coding NZ's lessons empower students with the tools they need and help give students the best chance at being successful in our increasingly digital age. Extend your child's awareness and horizons. Free trial lessons available now at [codingnz.com/signup](http://codingnz.com/signup)

### **Guardians of Pauahatanui Inlet Photographic Competition**

The 2021 Photographic Competition is underway with planning well on track. All current details can be found on our website - Photographic Competition page.

We are happy to announce that the annual Youth Photographic Workshop will take place as usual. It is run by Destina Munro of the Kapiti Camera Club and will be held as normal at the cottage on the Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve.

Date: Sunday 21 March, 4:15pm to 7:15pm

An entry form for this workshop, open to anyone under 18yrs old, is also available from the website

<http://www.gopi.org.nz/>

We look forward to seeing all budding young photographers at the reserve on the day

### **Queen Margaret College Open Days**

Queen Margaret College has created a culture of curiosity and exploration for over 100 years from academia to arts, sports and science, our students embrace all aspects of school-life with confidence, passion and courage.

Come along to one of our Open Days and get to know us better - take a personalised tour, meet our team, see our students in action and discover all the opportunities we can offer your child.

**Friday 26 March 9am-12pm and Sunday 28 March 10am-1pm**

Register online at <https://www.qmc.school.nz/>

### **WellKiwis Household:**

We are looking for whanau living in the Wellington region (Excluding Kapiti/Wairarapa), who have someone 19 years of age or under living in their home and plan to continue living in the Wellington region over the next two years to join an influenza study. The study is planned to run for seven years (although families can drop out at any time without any questions asked)

The purpose of the study is to investigate influenza transmission within the household setting and find out what factors make occupants more at risk or conversely what prevents some individuals from developing the flu.

There are many benefits of being part of an International study:

- During the Flu season whanau will have access to our clinical team (including Registered nurses, a midwife and phlebotomists),
- when unwell we are able to visit and complete a swab and inform the family of the virus causing their illness (including ways of keeping well/managing the virus)
- For every sample taken a \$30 e-gift card is given, these can be saved up and spent whenever the family decide to do so
- Families are contributing to the scientific knowledge about the flu and covid viruses

### **WellKiwis Infant study:**

We are also looking for pregnant women living in the Wellington region who may be interested in joining the study. This study is interested in looking at how an infant's immunity is developed from their first experience of the flu and how this imprints on their immune system. The benefits are the same as above, and the study is also an observational longitudinal study running for seven years. I attach copies of the brochure for both the Household and Infant study. Families can register their interest, or find out more about the study

at: <https://www.wellkiwis.co.nz/wellkiwis-household/>

*Tineke Jennings, WellKiwis Clinical Coordinator, Regional Public Health*